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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE ENLARGEMENT

REFS: (A) USUN 4537; (B) USUN 4657

1. AMB. LEONARD SAW COLOMBIAN PERMREP ZEA 16 NOVEMBER TO  
CONVEY US OPPOSITION TO COLOMBIAN PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE  
THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FROM 37 TO 47.  
ZEA WAS NOT RESPONSIVE. IN ANSWER TO HIS REQUEST THAT US VIEWS  
BE REDUCED TO WRITING, USUN DELIVERED A NOTE ON 17  
NOVEMBER, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS AT END THIS TEL.

2. WE HAVE PROMPTED AUSTRIA (OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN) TO CALL INFORMAL MEETING OF OSC DELEGATIONS IN ORDER  
TO TRY TO BUILD OPPOSITION TO ENLARGEMENT EFFORT.  
OUR CONTACTS THUS FAR INDICATE THAT CHILE AND MEXICO  
WILL SUPPORT COLOMBIA, USSR WILL OPPOSE.

3. FOR BOGOTA: WE ARE REPEATING REFTELS TO YOU.

4. QTE: THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF COLOMBIA OUR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL BY  
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THE DELEGATION OF COLOMBIA TO ENLARGE THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE  
FROM 37 TO 47 MEMBERS.

THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED THAT THE FURTHER ENLARGEMENT  
OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE  
WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE COMMITTEE

HAS MOST RECENTLY BEEN ENLARGED IN 1973 WITH THE ADDITION OF NINE MEMBERS, SEVEN OF WHOM ARE LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NATIONS FROM ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD TO BE REPRESENTED AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE.

THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE HAS GRANTED EVERY REQUEST BY A NON-MEMBER TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS TO THE COMMITTEE. COLOMBIA ADDRESSED THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE IN NEW YORK IN THE SPRING OF 1977 AND THE PLENARY OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE IN JUNE 1977. IN ADDITION, REPRESENTATIVES OF COLOMBIA ATTENDED AS MANY OF THE OTHER MEETINGS OF THESE BODIES AS THEY WISHED. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FUTURE.

THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WILLING TO ASK THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AT ITS 1978 SESSION AND REPORT ITS CONCLUSIONS TO THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE FALL OF 1978.

THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THAT THESE VIEWS BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA. UNQTE. LEONARD

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